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6   IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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8   FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

9   NATIONAL UNION FIRE INSURANCE
    COMPANY OF PITTSBURGH,
10 PENNSYLVANIA, a corporation, and   No. C 04-03435 JSW
    AMERICAN HOME ASSURANCE
11 COMPANY, a corporation,

12   Plaintiffs,   **ORDER**

13   v.

14 ELECTRIC TRANSIT INCORPORATED, an
    Ohio corporation and joint venture of SKODA,
15 a.s., a corporation, SKODA, a.s., SKODA
    OSTROV, s.r.o., a corporation, AAI
16 CORPORATION, a corporation, and CZECH
    EXPORT BANK, a corporation,
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            Defendants.
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20   By Order dated January 4, 2005, this Court set a Case Management Conference for

21 April 15, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. The Order required that all parties appear through lead counsel or

22 counsel sufficiently well versed in the matter to enable counsel to discuss all items referred to in

23 the Order and with authority to enter stipulations, to make admissions, and to agree to further

24 scheduling dates.

25   William W. Bunting, III and/or Theodore J. Low, counsel for Defendant Skoda Ostrov,

26 s.r.o., without leave of Court or notice to any of the parties, failed to appear at the case

27 management conference on April 15, 2005, in violation of Civil L. R. 16-10(c). Accordingly,

28 the Court issued an order to show cause why monetary sanctions should not be imposed and

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1 why default judgment should not be granted against Defendant Skoda Ostrov for failure to

2 appear.

3   Counsel responded by declaration dated April 29, 2005 and explained that his absence at

4 the Case Management Conference was caused by his failure to calendar properly the time of the

5 conference.

6   Therefore, the Court HEREBY ORDERS that no sanctions will be imposed at this time.

7 However, the Court admonishes counsel not to repeat the error and to follow this Court's orders

8 in the future.

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10   **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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12 Dated: May 1, 2005   /s/ Jeffrey S. White

                                          JEFFREY S. WHITE

13   UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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